

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-21 are canceled, without prejudice, by this amendment for the purpose of submitting claims that are in proper U.S. format. Claims 28-42 are added by this amendment. Claims 28, 35, 36, and 37 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. §101. It is believed that these rejections stemmed from the claims not being in proper U.S. form. The cancellation of Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-21 in this amendment renders this rejection moot. It is respectfully submitted that each of Claims 28-42 is now in proper U.S. form.

Each of the previously pending claims was either rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,507 to Moorby ("Moorby") or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Moorby in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,680,619 to Gudmundson ("Gudmundson"). Accordingly, these references will be discussed below with regard to the newly submitted claims.

Moorby shows a presentation editing and presenting system including a TimeLine element wherein (emphasis provided) "[t]he length of a Timeline track and the Icons along it depict the

duration of the track . . ." (see, FIGs. 11a through 11(c) and the accompanying description in Col. 11, lines 46-49). Accordingly, the duration of the timeline, and necessarily the presentation of material represented by Icons along it are interrelated in that there is no absolute reference defined independent of the objects contained within the TimeLine (e.g., the Icons). Moorby further shows Activation Regions (see, FIGs. 12(a) and 12(b) and the accompanying description in Col. 12, lines 7-14) Activation Regions operate similar to Icons but limit the duration of objects called by them. However, there is no suggestion that an Activation Region provides a reference timing for the presentation of objects called by it. In fact, as shown in FIG. 12(b), objects such as ICONS are called by Activation regions and the displayed width of the ICONS and the position on the Timeline depicts and determines the presentation timing of the material represented by the ICONS. Moorby has the similar problem as the prior art described in the present patent application in that "the timing behavior of said specific presentation element is determined on the basis of the direct relation between the running presentation element and that specific presentation element.

Accordingly, Moorby does not disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "a sub-presentation program segment comprising: a presentation element with a play-out specification indicating how the presentation element is to be played; and an interface program

segment defining a reference timing for the play-out specification, wherein the reference timing is defined independent of the presentation element" as required by Claim 28. Neither does Moorby disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "playing out at least one sub-presentation which comprises the acts of : determining a play-out specification for a presentation element based on a timing reference of the sub-presentation that is independent of the presentation element; playing out the presentation element in accordance with the play-out specification" as required by Claim 35. Neither does Moorby disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "a converter module for amending a coded presentation, the coded presentation comprising: a sub-presentation program segment comprising: a presentation element with a play-out specification indicating how the presentation element is to be played; and an interface program segment defining a reference timing for the play-out specification, wherein the reference timing is defined independent of the presentation element, wherein the converter module is arranged to substitute the sub-presentation by a further sub-presentation comprising a corresponding interface" as required by Claim 36. Neither does Moorby disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "[a]n information carrier comprising a coded presentation, said coded presentation comprising: a sub-presentation program segment comprising: at least one presentation element, having a corresponding play-out specification indicating

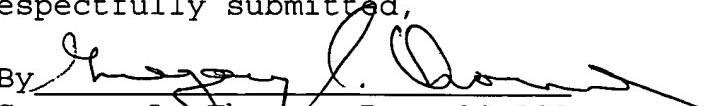
how the at least one presentation element is to be played; and an interface program segment defining a reference timing for the play-out specifications, wherein the reference timing is defined independent of the at least one presentation element" as required by Claim 37.

Gudmundson does nothing to cure this deficiency in Moorby.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 28, 35, 36, and 37 are patentable over Moorby in view of Gudmundson and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 29-34 and 38-42 depend from one of Claims 28 and 37 respectively, and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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